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SAUDI DEPLOYS 30,000 SOLDIERS TO BORDER WITH IRAQ: AL-ARABIYA TV ARABIA

July 3, 2014 Reuters reported: "Saudi Arabia deployed 30,000 soldiers to its border with Iraq after Iraqi soldiers abandoned the area, Saudi-owned al-Arabiya television said on Thursday, but Baghdad denied this and said the frontier remained under its full control.

The world's top oil exporter, Saudi Arabia shares an 800-km (500-mile) border with Iraq, where Islamic State insurgents and other Sunni Muslim militant groups seized towns and cities in a lightning advance last month.



King Abdullah has ordered all necessary measures to protect the kingdom against potential "terrorist threats", state news agency SPA reported on Thursday. The U.S.-allied kingdom overcame its own al Qaeda insurgency almost a decade ago and is wary of any encroaching new threat from radical Sunni Islamists.



The Dubai-based al-Arabiya said on its website that Saudi troops fanned into the border region after Iraqi government forces withdrew from positions, leaving the Saudi and Syrian frontiers unprotected.

The Iraqi prime minister's military spokesman denied the forces had withdrawn. "This is false news aimed at affecting the morale of our people and the morale of our heroic fighters," Lieutenant General Qassim Atta told reporters in Baghdad. He said the frontier, which runs through largely empty desert, was "fully in the grip" of Iraqi border troops.

The satellite channel said it had obtained a video showing some 2,500 Iraqi soldiers in the desert region east of the Iraqi city of Karbala after pulling back from the border.

An officer in the video aired by al-Arabiya said that the soldiers had been ordered to quit their posts without justification. The authenticity of the recording could not immediately be verified."..."

U.N.: EBOLA OUTBREAK COULD BECOME PANDEMIC

July 3, 2014 WND.com reported: "Health ministers from 11 West African countries began a two-day Emergency Ministerial meeting in Accra, Ghana, Wednesday amid concern the outbreak of the Ebola virus that began in Ghana could spread across their region as an uncontrolled pandemic.

In a statement distributed at the United Nations, the World Health Organization, WHO, classified the current Ebola outbreak as the worst ever.

The outbreak traces back to cases appearing in rural Guinea in March, which spread across Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. So far, a total of 750 cases and 455 deaths have been reported in the affected countries, according to WHO...

Ebola spreads from close contact with the blood, secretions, organs or other bodily fluids of infected people...

The Ebola virus has alarmed international health officials because the frequency of international air travel has increased the possibility the outbreak in one nation might quickly be transmitted to other countries by patients in the incubation phase of the infection..."

ISIS LEADER: 'WE WILL CONQUER ROME'

July 3, 2014 Christian Today reported: "In an impassioned audio address, the leader of Islamic militant group ISIS has declared that Muslims will continue fighting until they conquer Rome.

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi used his latest message to call his radical followers to 'rush' to his newfound pan-Islamic state, a stretch of land across Iraq and Syria where he has instated himself as leader, or 'Caliph'.

'Rush O Muslims to your state. Yes, it is your state. Rush, because Syria is not for the Syrians, and Iraq is not for the Iraqis. The land is for the Muslims, all Muslims,' he urged.

'This is my advice to you. If you hold to it you will conquer Rome and own the world, if Allah wills.

'O Muslims everywhere, whoever is capable of performing hijrah to the Islamic State, then let him do so, because hijrah to the land of Islam is obligatory...immigration to the house of Islam is a duty,' he insisted.

Baghdadi also rallied his fellow extremists to continue fighting for their cause - urging them 'to arms, to arms, soldiers of the Islamics, fight, fight'..."

SUPERBUGS COULD 'CAST THE WORLD BACK INTO THE DARK AGES', DAVID CAMERON SAYS

July 2, 2014 The Telegraph.co.uk reported: "The world could be 'cast back into the dark ages of medicine' where people die from treatable infections because deadly bacteria are becoming resistant to antibiotics, David Cameron has warned.

The Prime Minister has called for governments and drug companies around the world to work together to 'accelerate' the discovery of a new

generation of antibiotics.

His intervention comes amid fears in the medical profession that manageable illnesses like pneumonia and tuberculosis could kill huge numbers of people like they did early in the twentieth century.

About 25,000 people die annually across Europe because of infections that are resistant to antibiotic drugs, Mr. Cameron said.

Mr Cameron is to announce an independent review led by Jim O'Neill, the economist, to identify why the international market has failed to bring forward new drugs.”...”

SELF-PROCLAIMED 'CALIPH' ORDERS ALL MUSLIMS TO MOVE TO NEW ISLAMIC STATE

July 2, 2014 VOANews.com reported: “The self-appointed leader of the newly proclaimed Islamic state in Iraq and Syria is demanding that all Muslims emigrate there and take up arms.

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi posted an audio message on Islamist websites Tuesday, saying the new state is for all Muslims, regardless of skin color or nationality. He said Syria is not for the Syrians and Iraq is not for Iraqis.

Baghdadi said the holy month of Ramadan is the perfect time for all Muslims to take up weapons and flight.

Sunni extremists from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant proclaimed a sovereign state for Muslims earlier this week. ISIL has seized much of northern Iraq and is one of the rebel groups fighting to topple the Syrian government.”...

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki was a favorite to claim his third term after the election, but since then Sunni Islamist militants have captured large areas of northern and western Iraq and thrown the country into crisis.”...”

ISIS CHANGES NAME, DECLARES ISLAMIC 'CALIPHATE'

June 29, 2014 Haaretz reported: “An offshoot of Al-Qaida which has captured territory in Iraq and Syria has declared itself an Islamic ‘caliphate’ and called on factions worldwide to pledge their allegiance, a statement posted on Islamist websites and Twitter said on Sunday.

The move poses a direct challenge to the central leadership of Al-Qaida, which has already disowned it, and to conservative Gulf Arab rulers.

The group, previously known as the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and also known as ISIS, has renamed itself ‘Islamic State’ and proclaimed its leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi as ‘Caliph’ - the head of the state, the statement said.

‘He is the imam and khalifah (Caliph) for the Muslims everywhere,’ the group's spokesman Abu Muhammad al-Adnani said in the statement, which was translated into several languages and read out in an Arabic audio speech.

‘Accordingly, the ‘Iraq and Sham’ (Levant) in the name of the Islamic State is henceforth removed from all official deliberations and communications, and the official name is the Islamic State from the date of this declaration,’ he said...”

U.S., ISRAEL AID JORDAN AMID ISIS THREAT

July 1, 2014 World Net Daily reported: “The U.S. and Israel are in close communication with Jordan amid fears the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, will attempt to attack the Hashemite Kingdom, a close Israeli and American ally.



Middle Eastern security officials said the countries are sharing intelligence. In addition, Israeli drones, according to news reports, were conducting surveillance along the Jordan-Iraq border to detect any ISIS movements there.

Some reports indicate Israel or the U.S. could be drawn into the conflict militarily should ISIS attempt to storm into Jordan.

On Sunday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel needed to support ‘efforts by the international community to strengthen Jordan and support the aspirations of the Kurds for independence.’



‘I think it is our common interest to make sure that a moderate, stable regime like (Jordan) is able to defend itself,’ he said in a speech to the Institute of National Security Studies think-tank in Tel Aviv...”

HAMAS: ANY ISRAELI ATTACK WILL OPEN 'THE GATES OF HELL'

July 1, 2014 Breitbart.com reported: “Any Israeli action to punish Hamas for the alleged murder of three teenagers whose bodies were found on Monday would open ‘the gates of hell,’ the Islamist movement warned.

‘If the occupiers carry out an escalation or a war, they will open the gates of hell on themselves,’ Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri told AFP.

The warning came shortly after Israel confirmed finding the bodies of the three students who disappeared while hitchhiking in the southern West Bank on June 12.

The bodies were found in a field near Halhul some 10 minutes from the roadside spot where they were last seen, media reports said...”

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